

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the Detailed Description as indicated below:

On page 6, paragraph [0010]:

When a cluster node receives a request, the node processes that request and returns a result. Within the current MSCS implementation, after the failure of a node, resources will fail over to the remaining nodes only after a series of retries has failed. While the retries are failing, any requests that are resident (queued) in the now-failed cluster node will either timeout or return to the client with an error message. These timeouts or bad returns happened because of the failure of the node. If the client issued the request from a cluster-aware application, the client will have to retry the request after the timeout. However, if the client did not issue the request from a cluster-aware application, the client request will fail, and the client will need to ~~resend~~ resend (need to be retried) the request (manually). In either case, however, the timeout or failure is needless because another node in the cluster should have serviced the failed node. There is, therefore, a need in the art for a failover system that will not allow workable requests to be neglected until the timeout period, and there is a further need to relieve the client from retrying a request in case of a node failure.